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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for activity-based business modeling for an organization that doesn't require historical information from a general ledger, the method comprising steps of:

receiving a plurality of task entries, wherein each task entry is comprised of defined types of future action which will generate a result;

receiving a plurality of resource entries, wherein each resource entry is comprised of defined types of personnel, hardware, software, services, or combinations thereof which are presumed to be available in the future;

receiving mapping information that shows a relationship between each of the task entries and the plurality of resource entries, **wherein each task entry is assigned a subset of the plurality of resources;**

processing the plurality of task entries, the plurality of resource entries and the mapping information **with a computer** to formulate a business model; and

generating a forward-looking report after the processing step and related to the business model.

2. (Previously Presented) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 1, further comprising a step of attributing overhead expenses to the organization as a whole.

3. (Previously Presented) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 1, wherein one of the plurality of resource entries is associated with at least one system entry.

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4. (Currently Amended) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 1, wherein:

at least one of ~~the~~ an activity entry, the resource entry, the task entry, and ~~the~~ a system entry is derived from a template; and

the template is not produced by an end user.

5. (Previously Presented) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 1, further comprising a step of retrieving at least one of the plurality of task entries and the plurality of resource entries from a predefined template.

6. (Original) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 1, wherein the organization comprises at least one of a project(s), a department(s), a whole company, and a family of companies.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for activity-based business modeling for an organization without requiring historical information from a general ledger for the organization, the method comprising steps of:

receiving a task entry and a resource entry wherein:

the task entry comprises a defined type of future action which will generate a result; and

the resource entry comprises a defined type of personnel, hardware, software, services, or combination thereof which is presumed to be available in the future;

correlating the task entry to the resource entry;

processing the resource entry and the task entry with a computer before entry of any historical information for the organization, wherein a business model for the organization is formulated;

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generating a forward-looking report using the business model.

8. (Original) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 7, further comprising a step of processing an activity entry.

9. (Original) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 7, further comprising a step of processing a system entry.

10. (Original) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 9, further comprising a step of determining a demand for the system entry for an activity volume.

11. (Original) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 7, wherein the forward-looking report is chosen from the group consisting of: a head count report, a multi-year projection, and an activity-based costing report.

12. (Original) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 7, further comprising steps of:

processing an activity entry; and

processing a system entry, wherein:

at least one of the activity entry, the resource entry, the task entry, and the resource entry is derived from a template; and

the template is not produced by an end user.

13.-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A method for activity-based business modeling for an organization that doesn't require historical information from a general ledger, the method comprising steps of:

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receiving at least one task entry, wherein:

each task entry comprises a defined type of future action which will generate a result; and

each task entry has a projected volume and projected duration;

receiving at least one resource entry, which comprises a defined type of personnel, hardware, software, services, or combination thereof which is presumed to be available in the future;

receiving at least one forward looking activity entry;

receiving mapping information that shows a relationship between each of the task entries and the plurality of resource entries;

associating at least one forward looking activity entry with at least one of the task entries;

processing the task entries, resource entries, system entries, the mapping information, and the activity entries with a computer to formulate a business model; and

generating a forward-looking report after the processing step and related to the business model.

20. (Previously Presented) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization recited in claim 19, wherein the processing is based on a predefined template.

21. (Previously Presented) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization recited in claim 19, wherein:

at least one resource entry includes personnel;

the forward looking report includes productivity and cost information related to the personnel).

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22. (Previously Presented) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 1, wherein the task entries have a projected volume and projected duration.

23. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the computer-implementable method for activity-based business modeling of claim 1.

24. (Previously Presented) A computer system adapted to perform the computer-implementable method for activity-based business modeling of claim 1.